Mr. I. N. Menon.—(1) Non-recurring grant of Rs. 40,000.

Recurring grant. Rs. 16,000.

(2) The B. Sc. course gives a practical bias to Science subjects. Professional courses based on a scientific training can be entered into by B. Sc. students with greater advantage than B. A. students.

Co-operative Credit Societies.

214. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) (a) how many co-operative credit societies in the State went into liquidation in the last 3 years;

(b) which are they;

(c) did the share-holders of such societies get any portion of their share money as a result; if so, what was the maximum, what was the minimum and what was the average;

(2) (a) how many credit societies are there in existence at present;

(b) is the number of defaulters on the increase; if so, due to what causes;

(c) how many credit societies have declared dividends in the last 3 years; which are they;

(3) (a) how many non-credit societies are there in the State; what is the nature of their constitution;

(b) what is their present economic position;

(c) does any such society deal in collecting agricultural products from their members and carry them direct to the market; if not, has the Co-operative Department taken up the question of organising such societies with a view to get the profits of middle men for the societies and their members?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon.—(1) (a) 24.

(b)

1. Chellanam Co-operative Society
2. Vadavucode ,,
3. Elankunnapuzha Vala ,,
4. Cochin-Kanayannur Land Mortgage Bank, Ltd.
5. Arimpoor Vettuva Co-operative Society
6. Thonnurkara ,,

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7. Thiruvankulam ,,
8. Kumbalanghy Ezhuva ,,
9. Perimpilavu ,,
10. Aripalam ,,
11. Kanjani ,, Stores
12. Panambukad ,,
13. Tholur ,,
14. Azhikkal Vala ,,
15. Vyttila Little Flower Industrial ,,
16. Nelleppilli Co-operative ,,
17. Chowwannur ,,
18. Trippunithura Sanskrit College Co-operative Home
19. Padiyur Co-operative Society.
20. Antikkadavu ,,
21. Kariattukara ,,
22. Veluthur ,,
23. Edappalam ,,
24. Trippunitura High School Co-operative Stores, Ltd.

(c) It requires some time to collect the informations and so it is not possible to furnish them this time.

(2) (a) 222.

(b) Yes. Mostly due to the present economic depression and partly due to the lack of co-operative education.

(c) 32.

1. Ernakulam Town Bank, Ltd., No. 7.
2. Ernakulam Government Servants' Co-operative Society.
3. Ernakulam Municipal Employees' Co-operative Society.
4. Trippunittura Government Servants' Co-operative Society.
5. Narakkal Government Servants' Co-operative Society.
6. Mattancheri Town Co-operative Bank.
7. Mattancheri Saraswath Co-operative Bank.
8. Granganur Town Co-operative Bank.
9. Irinjalakkuda Government Servants' Co-operative Society.

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10. Irinjalakkud People's Co-operative Bank.
11. Cochin Forest Tramway Employees' Co-operative Society.
12. Trichur Town Co-operative Bank.
13. Trichur Government Servants' Co-operative Society.
14. Trichur Xian Co-operative Bank.
15. Trichur Town Municipal Employees' Co-operative Society.
16. Do. Mission Quarters do.
17. Viyyur Co-operative Society.
18. Kuttur Co-operative Society.
19. Kunnamkulam do.
20. Do. Y.M. C. A. do.
21. Do. Government Servants' Co-operative Society.
22. Vadakkancheri Government Servants' do.
23. Chittur do. do.
24. Painkulam Co-operative Society.
25. Killimangalam do.
26. Nedumpura do.
27. Thiruvilwamala do.
28. Ayilur do.
29. Desamangalam do.
30. Nemmara do.
31. Ayilur Naya Samajam do.
32. Vallanghy Vithanasseri do.

(3) (a) 33.

It varies according to the functions for which they are intended. These include Societies for education and propaganda, inspection and supervision as well as Students' Stationery Societies, Stores, Agricultural Societies and Industrial Societies.

1. Cochin Central Co-operative Institute for propaganda and education 1
2. Supervising Unions 7

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3.	Non-credit agricultural Societies	3
4.	Consumers' Societies for purchase and sale	10
5.	Weavers' and Carpenters' Societies for production and sale	3
6.	Industrial Societies	4
7.	Students' Stationery Societies	5

(b) 1. The Institute is not working well for want of funds.

2. The Unions have also their difficulties for raising funds. But they are working well within their limited sphere.

3. Out of three non-credit agricultural societies one has gone into voluntary liquidation and another which has just been registered at Matchad has not yet started work. The third Society, viz., The Nedumpura Agricultural Society had a total transaction of Rs. 743 at the end of the year 1109 which resulted in a net profit of Rs. 25. The condition of the society cannot be said to be satisfactory perhaps owing to the abnormal fall in the price of paddy.

4. These are otherwise called Co-operative Stores. The Store Societies as a whole have proved a failure in the State. Excepting 2 or 3 Stores all are gradually going down.

5. These societies had a total working capital of Rs. 3,055 and a reserve fund of Rs. 1,062 at the end of last year. The result of the working of these societies may be said to be satisfactory.

6. The condition of these Industrial Societies is not encouraging.

Of the four societies, one just registered at Chittur has not yet started work and another (Vyttila Little Flower Industrial Society) is now under liquidation. These societies are engaged in coir industry. Unless the price of coir and fibre goes up the conditions of these societies are not very hopeful.

7. The Students' Stationery Societies are working well.

(c) The Industrial and Agricultural Societies were organised with a view to collect the agricultural products of the members and to find suitable markets for them. As the working of these societies has not improved they have not been able to take up marketing of products. Unless the educated public come forward to take up their management the progress of the Co-operative movement on the non-credit side have to be necessarily slow.

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